

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

March 2, 2006

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, President	District 45
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula, Immediate Past President	District 5
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, 1 st Vice President, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, 2 nd Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Councilmember Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Mayor John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Supervisor Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA

Members Not Present

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Supervisor Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Councilmember Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Mayor Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Bert Becker, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme.

2.0 INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Toni called – not recorded

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Campbell), SECONDED (Mikels), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Minutes of February 2, 2006 Meeting

4.1.2 Recognition of High Risk Removal

4.1.3 Expense Reimbursement

4.1.4 Funding for Shanghai Maglev Trip

4.1.5 Date, Location & Budget for the 2006 General Assembly

4.1.6 Contracts over \$250,000

4.1.7 Resolution 06-472-4 authorizing adoption of the FY 06-07 Comprehensive Budget

It was noted that on page 5 of the OWP that the CVAG allocation should be corrected to \$40,000 for the General Land Use Update.

4.1.8 Classification Study Results

4.2 **Receive & File**

4.2.1 Purchase Orders/ Contracts between \$5,000 - \$250,000

4.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report

4.2.3 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

5.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

5.1 Appointments

Regional Council District Election Results

District # 46 Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley (Re-elected)

Aviation Task Force

Hon. Michael Antonovich, Los Angeles County

Hon. Paul Biane, San Bernardino County

Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank

Hon. Cathryn DeYoung, Laguna Niguel

Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale

Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest

Hon. Judith Dunlap, Inglewood

Hon. Larry Grogan, Imperial County

Hon. Don Knabe, Los Angeles County

Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside

Hon. Kelly McDowell, El Segundo

Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County

Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

Hon. Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach

Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles

Hon. Mike Rothschild, Victorville

Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles

Hon. Joyce Streater, Pasadena

Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga, Long Beach

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Frank Adams, FedEx

Bill Allen, L. A. Co. Economic Development Corp (LA EDC)

Terry Barrie, Caltrans, Sacramento

Selena Birk, Van Nuys Airport

Dan Burkhart, National Business Aviation Assoc.

Guy Fox, Global Transportation Services Inc.

Rusty Hammer, L. A. Area Chamber of Commerce

Mark Hardyment, Bob Hope Airport

Carol Inge, LA MTA
Lydia Kennard, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)
Chris Kunze, Long Beach Airport
Steve Lloyd, FAA
James McCarthy, Caltrans, District 07
Mark McClardy, FAA
Todd McNamee, Ventura County
Keith Mew, California State University, Los Angeles
Alan Murphy, John Wayne Airport
Dennis Olson, LAXAAC
Eric Ray, San Bernardino Int'l Airport
Joe Richardson, UPS
Phil Rizzo, March JPA
Robert Rodine, Polaris Group
Jose Sanchez, Southwest Airlines
Angela Shafer-Payne, San Diego County Regional Airport
Peter Soderquist, Southern California Logistics Airport
Bob Trimborn, Santa Monica Airport
Steve Zehr, Palm Springs Int'l Airport

Goods Movement Task Force

Hon. Shenna Moqet, Calimesa, WRCOG

Regional/Subregional Relations Task Force

Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County, Co-Chair

Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, Co-Chair

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. David Olivas, Baldwin Park, San Gabriel Valley COG

Adan Ortega, Jr., Government Affairs Consultant

Nancy Sutley, Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for Energy and Environment

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano reported that Caltrans auditors conducted a training session on February 28th on internal controls for SCAG's subregions, finance, contracts, and project management staff. Between 50 to 60 people attended at SCAG headquarters and through teleconference at SCAG's Riverside office. He stated that the information was extremely helpful and well received.

Staff was directed at the Audit Committee to assemble information that would be helpful to elected officials in understanding and dealing with audit issues. A booklet regarding Internal Control and Fraud Preventions was distributed to the Regional Council. Staff also prepared a checklist of issues that could be utilized by elected officials and their staffs.

Mr. Pisano gave a brief status report on the proposed CEQA efficiencies within the context of the bond issue. He noted that discussions are currently underway with the

CEHD committee regarding legislative provisions as it relates to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Administration Committee Report

7.1.1 KPMG Audit Pulled

7.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

No Report

7.3 Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report

7.3.1 Riverside County Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution

The 2004 RTIP included a project which consisted of three expansion buses for the City of Corona fixed-route bus way (Green Line). This project is a TCM and has a completion date in the 2004 RTIP of December 31, 2006. Due to insufficient ridership on the Green Line, the City of Corona does not see the need to expand service for another three to five years. Therefore, it is necessary to replace this TCM.

The proposed TCM replacement includes leasing a 60 space park-and-ride lot in the City of Corona. The park-and-ride would primarily serve local residents car or bus-pooling in or out of Riverside County. The emissions analysis below demonstrates the benefits of the proposed TCM replacement as compared to the existing three bus procurement.

The EEC recommended adopting Resolution 06-472-3 for a TCM replacement to be included in the 2004 RTP.

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Bone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.4 Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

7.4.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Request for Extension

Councilmember Bowlen, Vice Chair, reported that the CEHD Committee recommended that up to a 2-year extension be sought to complete the RHNA in order to coordinate it with a 4-year RTP cycle and to allow time for legislative changes to the program.

He also reported that a letter was received from the Orange County Business Council signed by Lucy Dunn, Executive Director, opposing the extension request because it was felt that the statewide housing crisis is an urgent issue. After discussing the letter, the CEHD unanimously approved the recommendation to seek a 2-year extension. In addition it was noted that Assemblyman Mullins has agreed to carry a bill, and it is in print as AB 2307. Staff is also working to secure the support of Southern California legislators as co-sponsors for the bill.

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy gave a synopsis of Ms. Dunn's letter and explained why there was a consensus to approve recommending the 2-year extension. He stated that existing law states that SCAG must complete the RHNA process and find funding to complete this effort. He noted that this effort could be accomplished by charging SCAG members. Members opposed of this option and therefore recommended that a 2-year extension be sought. He noted that other mechanisms such as a policy approach for the RHNA.

Several members felt that the RHNA process was confusing and was not sure of SCAG's position during the last RHNA process. There was a consensus of the RC that a vehicle for educating members should be incorporated into the process. President Young announced that a joint workshop will be held in April to discuss the RHNA.

It was MOVED (Bowlen), SECONDED (Nowatka) and OBJECTED (DeYoung, Correa, Norby) to APPROVE a 2-year extension.

7.5 Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report

No report.

7.6 Tribal Nations Task Force Report

7.6.2 Establish a Role for Tribal Governments in SCAG

Mayor Ron Roberts, Chair, gave a brief overview. He stated that on November 2002 the SCAG Regional Council approved a Strategic Plan Goal that called for establishing a role for Native Americans in the regional planning process. Since the adoption of the Strategic Plan, SCAG in cooperation with different Tribal Governments (Agua Caliente; Morongo and Torres-Martinez) organized five summit meetings where SCAG met with Tribal Council members to talk about defining how Tribal Governments may participate in the regional planning process. The summits provided SCAG the opportunity to present information on regional plans and to receive input.

A Tribal Government Relations Task Force was formed and charged with the responsibility of facilitating and negotiating the participation of Tribal Governments in the formal SCAG process.

Public Comment Period

Lynn Valbuena, Chairwoman, Tasin (Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations), Patrick Murphy, Tasan, Andre Masiel, Pechanga, Indian Reservation and Joe Loya, Tribal Resource Manager, presented comments in support of the Task Force recommendations.

After several meetings, the Tribal Government Relations Task Force recommended that the Regional Council approve the following:

(1) Recognition of the establishment of a Tribal Government Regional Planning Board created by federally recognized Native American Tribal Governments within the SCAG region:

- a) A locally elected Tribal Council Member from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board would serve on the Regional Council and also sit on the Administration Committee as a full voting member;
- b) Two voting seats on each policy committee (TCC; CEHD; and EEC) would be available for locally elected Tribal Council members;
- c) Tribal Governments may participate as Advisory members at the General Assembly;
- d) The same financial disclosure requirements that are applicable to Regional Council and policy committee members would be applicable to the individuals representing the Native American Tribal Governments;
- e) Dues based upon the population categories applied to cities and for purposes of a Division of the House, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative would be treated as a city;
- f) The Tribal Government Regional Planning Board selects the representatives that vote on SCAG's policy committees.

(2) Authorize the SCAG By-laws Committee to incorporate these concepts into draft by-laws to be adopted by the 2006 General Assembly.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Pettis).

Several Regional Council members were concerned regarding the number of seats given to the Tribal Governments on the SCAG committees. Several questions were raised regarding population and geographical representation of the Tribal Governments. Staff was asked to provide more information on this issue.

Mark Pisano gave a brief overview on the evaluation and determination of population with regard to proportional representation. He noted that the

tribes agreed to create a tribal entity from which one representative would be selected to serve on Regional Council. In addition the Task Force reviewed the number of seats held by subregions on the policy committees. It was determined that 2 seats would be allocated to the Tribes on the policy committees.

Councilmember Eaton called for the question. It was seconded by Councilmember Becerra. There were 37 AYES and 1 NOE (Clark).

There were 33 AYES and 3 NOES. The motion passed.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 2006 Sacramento Day

President Young announced that Sacramento day will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. She stated that the day will began @ 9:00 a.m. ending approximately 4:00 p.m. There are three RC members scheduled to participate. Regional Council members were encouraged to participate.

9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

9.1 Closed Session

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case). There was no closed session.
- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

There was a closed session. The Regional Council authorized settlement of the matter.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Lantz expressed concerns about the low number of bids for contracts. She requested that the contracts process be placed on the agenda discussed.

Councilmember Washburn requested that there be a discussion regarding more effective communication such strategies could include the development of other elected champions focusing on specific issues.

Councilmember Pettis requested that a report from the Southwest Compact Task Force be placed on the agenda as a standard item.

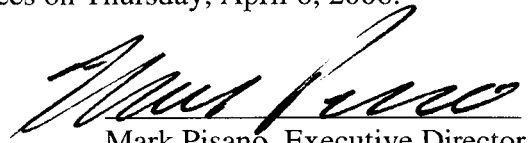
11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second Southwest Compact Task Force Bi-National Hearing, will be held in Mexicali on April 26, 2006. Next month Mayor Samuel Ramos Flores will address the Regional Council.

Mark Pisano announced that American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) will be sponsoring a transportation workshop on March 30, 2006 at Trix's Restaurant. The speakers will be Michael Dukakis, Roger Snobal and Wendy Greuel.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at SCAG offices on Thursday, April 6, 2006.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director